

## Continuing Education

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(1) A licensee applying for renewal shall complete **40 hours of relevant continuing education during the 2-year period** preceding the expiration of the license which include the following:

(a) At least **25 hours in formally organized programs which are relevant to the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine** and are approved by the Board or sponsored by, but not limited to, the following organizations and their member organizations:

- (i) American Academy of Medical Acupuncture;
- (ii) American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AAAOM);
- (iii) Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM);
- (iv) Colleges and universities accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM);
- (v) National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM);
- (vi) Society for Acupuncture Research; or
- (vii) The National Acupuncture Detoxification Association;

(b) **Not more than 15 hours of formally organized training programs in Western science and medical practices, medical ethics, medical research, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation which are relevant to the practice of acupuncture** and are sponsored by, but not limited to, organizations listed in §F(1)(a) of this regulation and the following organizations:

- (i) World Health Organization (WHO);
- (ii) National Institutes of Health (NIH);
- (iii) American Medical Association (AMA);
- (iv) American Nurses Association (ANA);
- (v) American Psychiatric Association (APA);
- (vi) Red Cross;

(vii) Local colleges; or

(viii) Local hospitals;

**(c) Not more than 15 hours of training in approved programs which will assist a licensee to carry out the licensee's professional responsibilities**, including, but not limited to:

(i) Management courses for a school administrator;

(ii) Foreign language training for translators of relevant texts;

(iii) Educational methodology for teachers of acupuncture;

**(d) Not more than 15 hours teaching acupuncture and related Oriental medical therapies** in an accredited school or in a program approved for acupuncture continuing education;

**(e) Not more than 10 hours of pro bono work** as outlined in §F(3) of this regulation; or

**(f) Not more than 10 hours in published writing or articles** in acupuncture and Oriental medicine that are:

(i) Peer-reviewed research or peer-reviewed clinically relevant articles in acupuncture and Oriental medicine; and

(ii) Limited to 5 hours per article.

(2) Part of the 40 hours of relevant continuing education referenced in §F(1) of this regulation, shall consist of at least 3 hours in ethics or professional boundary training every 4 years.

(3) Pro Bono Work.

(a) Pro bono work shall earn 1 credit hour for each 3 hours of pro bono activity up to a maximum of 10 credit hours per renewal cycle.

(b) Pro bono work shall be for the provision of acupuncture services provided through an organization offering humanitarian services such as, but not limited to:

(i) Domestic or international victims in an emergency situation or disaster area;

(ii) Low income or underserved areas or populations;

(iii) Special needs populations; or

(iv) United States military personnel.

(c) Upon completion of the pro bono work, the licensee shall obtain from the facility written documentation of completion of pro bono hours including:

(i) The name of the facility;

(ii) The address where the pro bono work was provided;

(iii) The type of work that was done;

(iv) The number of hours of actual work provided for which the licensee desires credit hours; and

(v) A statement guaranteeing that the work provided no financial benefit to licensee.